Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Sutherland NSW
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Lutheran Church of Australia

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Please join us for a morning tea after our worship service.

If you are new to the church and would like to find out more information about worship and other activities, please speak to Pastor Luke.

Holy Communion at our church is for all:

- Baptised believers
- who know their need for forgiveness
- who believe Jesus himself is present with his body and blood in this meal with the bread and wine.

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12th Sunday of Pentecost
19th Aug 2012

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We pray that you are blessed as you worship God in this place. A special welcome to any visitors that are with us today.

Our worship services include Holy Communion. We use a continuous style of communion. Come receive the body and blood and return to your seat. The congregation is given the post-communion blessing after we have all communed. You are invited to join us for a cuppa and fellowship time after the service.

If you would like to find out more about Jesus, if you are searching for something in life, feeling lonely or maybe confused and not to sure about the future holds - feel free to send our Pastor an email on pastor@gslcs.com or drop past our office for a friendly chat. More information can be found on our website: www.gslcs.com

Monthly Activities

1st Sun:	Ministry Team Meeting
2nd/4th Sun:	Children's Ministry
3rd Sun:	Ladies Fellowship
4th Wed:	Young At Heart (10:30am)
Last Thursday:	Playgroup (10am-12)

Sexual abuse is totally unacceptable to the church and to society as a whole. The **LCA Safe Place** Committee has established a confidential service for responding to complaints of sexual abuse/harassment by church employees and leaders. Trained advisors are available to help.

PHONE FREECALL NUMBER 1800 644 628 or write to: The Supervisor, PO Box 519, Marden SA 5070 or email: report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au

Announcements

1. **Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.** We pray that your time of worship today has been a blessing as you've met the Lord God in Word, prayer, praise, bread and wine. You are invited to join us for a cuppa after the service. Thank you to all those who have contributed to making this time of worship possible today. Have a great week and God bless you richly!
2. **Rosters**. We are still looking for people to fill the roster. Please put your name down on the kitchen door roster if you can help out.
3. **Pastoral Visits.** Pastor Luke and members of our pastoral care team continue to regularly visit the sick and shut-ins, however, if you would like a general visit to talk, receive prayer and to be blessed, please email or talk to Pastor Luke or Ann Robertson to arrange a visit.
4. **Prayers**. Pastor Luke regularly schedules time to pray for the community and our individual needs. If you would like a special prayer request added to this list then please contact Pastor Luke or a member of our Pastoral Care Team.

Prayer Points

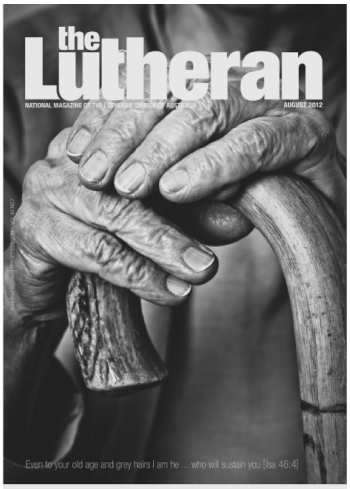
- For those who are lonely or have recently lost loved ones.
- For conflict around the world especially in Syria and Sudan.
- That we would discover and be encouraged to exercise our Spiritual gifts.
- Members and friends of our community: **Mauri Korpi, Piroska & Steve Turcsanyi, John Grantins, Edna Kuehne, David Harris, Sam & Anneli Skippari, Helene Schaefer (Karen Brooks' Mother), Eesa Witt, Rita Zalcmanis, Jina Pye. We also pray for those traveling at this time: Fritz, Eleanor Tullock, Jill & Michelle Goodhew.**

This Coming Week

Sun 19th:	Worship
	LADIES FELLOWSHIP
Mon 20th:	Pastor's Day Off
Fri 17th	Pastor's Visiting Day
Sun 26th	Worship
	Children's Ministry

Church Bulletin Bloopers

- Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church. Come and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
- Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.
- Gil Henson and Jolene Jackson were married on October 24. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and heave a healthy lunch.



AUGUST ISSUE OUT NOW

A FRIEND AT THE END
Aged care is the new Australian mission field.

THIS DAY IN PARADISE
Like the thief on the cross, Theo secures his place in heaven with only a whisker to spare.

IS RELIGION DANGEROUS? (YOU BET!)
Christians have railed against Christopher Hitchens' accusation that 'religion poisons everything'. But could he have had a point?

THE STREETS OF WITTENBERG
In Luther's old stamping ground, an Australian family discovers that he was a man for all ages.

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LONGEST LUTHERAN LUNCH

Mark Your Diaries - On Sunday 28th October (Reformation Sunday) we'll be having our 'Longest Lutheran Lunch'. This will be a joint 'Children's Ministry & Congregation Picnic'. At this stage we're planning to head down to Burnum Burnum Sanctuary (very close to church - same location as last year). This will be held after worship.

ROSTERS

Today 19th August 12	
Ushering:	
Cleaning:	**SPILSBURY**
Morning Tea:	**HEUER**
Flowers:	**HEUER**
Readings:	**HEUER**
Communion:	**BROOKS**
Prayers:	**PASTOR LUKE**
Mowing (AUG):	**HANS HOJBERG**

Next Week 26th August	
Ushering:	**-**
Cleaning:	**Ana P.**
Morning Tea:	**Ana P.**
Flowers:	**Ana P.**
Readings:	
Communion:	**Eesa Witt**
Prayers:	**PASTOR LUKE**

If you are able to serve in one of these ways, please put your name down on the Church door master roster. There are always gaps to fill. Many thanks for your service to Jesus and his church.

SERVE

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.
(John 13:3–5)

When Jesus washed his disciples' feet, he exploded our normal ideas about what a god does. Creating, judging, and rewarding are things that sounds like divine activities—not washing feet, eating dinner with prostitutes, going to parties with tax collectors, and hugging lepers.

Jesus' lowly service is a practical picture of how Jesus inverts our normal view of authority, dignity, and power. Jesus' unselfconscious act of service was a picture of God's upside-down approach to our world and to us. The ultimate picture of this is Jesus' humbling himself to endure the death of the cross and bring us cleansing through his substitution in our place.

Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky gives us a picture of this upside-down approach in his novel The Idiot. It's about a young prince, Prince Myshkin of Russia, who returns home to society after a long stay abroad. Prince Myshkin finds himself surrounded by characters who are rage-filled, backbiting, power-hungry, and envious. They struggle for accolades and live like beasts.

As Prince Myshkin is dropped into the middle of this depravity and forced to struggle with the reality of people's sin, his interaction with this corrupt and immoral group is astounding! Prince Myshkin is frail and simple. He speaks clearly and without lies. He loves anyone he comes into contact with, especially the peasants and the servants. He is not self-aggrandizing, and he embodies grace and peace. And for all of his love and kindness, his meekness and his tenderness, the world around him dismisses him as an idiot.

Jesus Christ is like Prince Myshkin. Our world—in all its "wisdom"—finds him and his cross foolish. He is the prince who came penniless and powerless to serve: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28; Mark 10:45). In coming as a humble servant, full of grace and truth, Jesus reveals our sovereign God's paradoxical approach to the world.